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TOPIC Soviet Loadings in the Area of the Erfurt Railroad District

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The following is a list of Soviet loadings made at 35 railroad stations  
in the Erfurt railroad district in August 1953.

1. Total Shipments:

ILLEGIB [redacted] Number Load [redacted]

ILLEGIB [redacted] of Cars [redacted] military goods [redacted]

Crawinkel 180 5 troop trains (156), tanks (8) and  
other military goods

Diedorf-Fischbach 1 [redacted] military goods

ILLEGIB [redacted] 128 [redacted] 2 trains with undetermined load (117) and  
other military goods

Emleben 116 3 trains with undetermined load 1

Erfurt 59 foodstuff

Esperstedt 33 1 troop train

Georgenthal 87 2 trains with undetermined load 1

Gotha 4 military goods

Holzdorf near Weimar 6 hay

Jena 169 4 troop trains (156), 1 train with  
undetermined load 1

Kahla 35 3 troop trains

Koelleda 44 1 train with undetermined load 1

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From	Number of Cars	Load
Langensalza	1	straw
Lossa	69	1 train with undetermined load (25) and other military goods 1
Luisenthal	1	military goods
Marbach	122	foodstuff
Mechterstaedt	137	4 troop trains (114) and military goods
Muehlhausen	2	military goods
Muenchenbernsdorf	37	fuel
Naumburg	58	1 train with undetermined load 1
Ohrdruf	304	11 troop trains
Orlamuende	24	2 trains with undetermined load 1
Rossleben	90	3 trains with vehicles and soldiers
Rudolstadt	15	1 train with motor vehicles 1
Sangerhausen	2	furniture
Schmoelln	10	footwear
Sonneberg	10	military goods
Suhl	1	military goods
Unterwellenborn	4	military goods
Worbis	2	accumulators
Weimar	336	7 troop trains (305), mail (31)
Weissenfels	21	1 train with undetermined load (13) and footwear 1
Zeitz	58	1 troop train (15), flour (32) and military goods
Karsdorf	783	cement 2

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2. Some of the above shipments are broken down below:

B - boxcar; F/S - flatcar with sideracks, SS - heavy-duty flatcar,  
 RRy - heavy-duty flatcar

August 1953	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
5	1	military goods	Apolda	Burgstaedt, [redacted] 25X1
	1	"	"	Koenigsteinterhausen, [redacted] 25X1

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August 1953	Number of Cars	Load	From	To	
11	3	iron	Apolda	Frankfurt/Oder	25X1
2	3 Ry 18	troop train	Cravinkel	Altengrabow 4	25X1
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25X1	27	"	"	Weimar	
25X1	8	10	"	Jena-West	5
25X1	19	49	"	Altenburg	7
25X1	21	2 Ry 47	"	Jena	
25X1	1	3 SS	tanks	Kirchmoesee	
10-22	4 Ry	"	"	Jena	
31	1 RRy	"	"	Hohenstein- Ernstthal	
14 and 24	7 B	military goods	"	Altenhain	
29	1	"	"	Fuerstenwalde- South, [REDACTED]	25X1
23	57	undetermined	Eisenach	Altengrabow 4	25X1
	60	"	"	Bad Kostritz	6
	12	2 Ry	tanks	Hohenstein- Ernstthal	
	20	1 Ry	"	Kurort Jonsdorf	
	23	5 F/S	military goods	Fuerstenwalde	
	2	58	undetermined	Emleben	Altengrabow 4
	19	13	"	Treuenbrietzen	7
	27	45	"	Zeitz	8
	28	6 RRy 27	troop train	Asperstedt	Altenburg
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8	67	undetermined	Georgenthal	Altengrabow 4	

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August 1953	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
28	1 SS 19	undetermined	Georgenthal	Gera
10	10	military goods	Jena	Crawinkel
14	2 Ry 41	vehicles and soldiers	"	"
26	45	"	"	Georgenthal
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27	11 Ry 18	"	"	Zeitz
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	9 Ry 30	"	"	"
25	12	troop train	Kahla	Crawinkel
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25X1	13	"	"	"
25X1				
26	10	"	"	"
25X1				
28	44	undetermined	Koelleda	Rechterstaedt 5
1-24	30	military goods	Lossa	Halle
3-28	14	"	"	Muenchendorf Jueterbog, Altes Lager, Erfurt, Muenchendorf, Altenhain, Luckenwalde
29	25	undetermined	"	Koenigs Wusterhausen
25X1	19	vehicles and soldiers	Mechterstaedt	Eberswalde 7
25X1	23	48	"	Lossa 5
25X1	26	9	troop train	Luebben 7
25X1	17	43	"	Rossleben 7
23-29	14	military goods	"	Merseburg 7
3-18	7	"	"	Naumburg-Naumburg Jueterbog, Altes Lager, Muenchendorf, Muenchendorf, Wiersdorf, Werder

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August 1953	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
31	10 RPy 48	undetermined	Naumburg-Diest	Ohrdruf
25X1	12 20	"	Ohrdruf	Donndorf )
25X1	13 4	"	"	Plauen )
25X1	33 4 RPy	"	"	Rossleben )
25X1	17 16 RPy	"	"	Donndorf ) 5
25X1	14 15 6 RPy	"	"	Halle )
25X1	27 1 RPy	"	"	Rossleben )
25X1	19 44 2 SS	"	"	Altenburg )
25X1	22 47 8 RPy	"	"	Altengrabow 4 )
25X1	26 28	"	"	Tuebben 7 )
25X1	18 4 RPy	"	"	Losse 5 )
25X1	17 8 6 RPy	"	Orlamunde	Aken )
	10	"	"	" ) 10 )
25X1	2 22	vehicles and soldiers	Rossleben	Altengrabow 4 )
25X1	5 27	"	"	Ohrdruf ) 5 )
25X1	22 41	vehicles and soldiers	"	" )
8	5 10 RPy	undetermined motor vehicles	Rudolstadt	" )
1-9	10 B	footwear	Schmeiin	Bernau, [ ] 25X1
28 and 29	10	military goods	Sonneberg	Saalfeld

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	August 1953	Number of Cars	Load	From	To	
25X1	10	41	undetermined	Weimar	Koenigsbrueck	) 1
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25X1	19	45	"	"	"	)
25X1						)
25X1	26	30	"	"	Treuenbrietzen	)
25X1						)
25X1	26	53	"	"	Lueboen	)
25X1						)
25X1	28	60	"	"	"	)
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25X1	28	50	"	"	"	)
25X1						)
25X1		22	"	"	"	)
25X1	1-31	31 B	mail	"	Potsdam	
	5	13	military goods	Weissenfels	Ohrdruf	
	8	7 B	footwear	"	Bernau	
	6-24	32 B	flour	Zeitz	Marbach	
	7-26	10	military goods	"	Weimar	
	31	9	vehicles, soldiers	"	Glauchau	3
		7 Rly	and tanks			
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	1-21	783	cement	Karsdorf	Vogelsang	2
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25X1 1.  Comment. Probably, troop shipments. 25X1A

25X1 2.  Comment. Shipments of construction material for the enlargement of Schorfheide airfield.

25X1 3.  Comment. Eighteen of the (because of their volume of loadings) most important 35 railroad stations were compared with stations mentioned during the preceding month. The comparison shows that the volume of shipments decreased. If all actual and probable troop trains as well as shipments of construction material for Schorfheide airfield are omitted, there remain only 455 carloads for military supply traffic in the Erfurt district in August 1953, compared with 800 to 900 carloads during the preceding months. A decrease in intrazonal military supply traffic was also discernible in other railroad districts. The decrease cannot yet be interpreted.

25X1 4.  Comment. The shipments from the three troop training grounds of the Eighth Gds Army to Altengrabow of artillery units of the two rifle corps were previously determined

25X1 5.  Comment. Only some of the movements between the troop training grounds have so far been covered. Exchange movements similar to these were also observed last year.

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25X1 6. [redacted] Comment. Bad Koestritz is located north of Gera. On 24 August, train [redacted] also went to Bad Koestritz from Glauchau, carrying a unit of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt. It is believed that the unit of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and that from Glauchau transferred to this area for practices. No details have so far been obtained however.

25X1 7. [redacted] Comment. These trains carried headquarters units, signal units and, from Weimar, also AAA units, of the army headquarters of the Eighth Gds Army and the two subordinate corps headquarters to the command post exercise in Mecklenburg and Brandenburg which started about 26 August. [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] the unloading area of these units could not yet be determined. The present information indicates that the bulk of the units was unloaded in the Luebben area, presumably to make preparations for the command post exercise. As the elements unloaded in Luebben returned to their billeting area from Burg on 8 September, they must have made a movement from east to west, south of Berlin. These movements correspond to those of the other armies participating which, from the Pasewalk-Eberswalde area, advanced until 8 September to the area north of Rathenow, from where they departed. The elements of the Eighth Gds Army directly shipped to Treuenbrietzen returned to their units from there on 9 September.

25X1 8. [redacted] Comment. On 27 and 28 August, units, chiefly belonging to the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, were shipped to Zeitz and Altenburg. [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] It can be assumed that these units conducted the field exercise east of Naumburg from 28 to 31 August, which included a Saale River crossing from south to north. The first return shipments were made from Naumburg-Ost to Chrrdruf and from Zeitz to Glauchau on train [redacted] on 31 August.

25X1 9. [redacted] Comment. Presumably, trains with units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div which returned to Camp Crawinkel upon completion of field exercises in the Kahla-Jena area.

25X1 10. [redacted] Comment. Loading station and unloading station tend to indicate that the two trains carried engineer units of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps to new exercises on the Elbe River.

25X1 11. [redacted] Comment. The two trains were previously determined from [redacted] 25X1 records. No definite information on the units transferred could be obtained.

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